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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will be pleased to enquire whether the text-books, not merely Urdu but also English, prescribed in this school, are far higher in their standard than the pupils are able to understand and follow?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I shall enquire."

Selection of Urdu text-books in the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School.

* 154 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) with whose advice and consultation the Urdu text-books prescribed for the various forms in the Government Hobart Training and Secondary School were selected; and

(*b*) whether it is true that the Urdu teacher is not qualified to teach and is in fact incompetent to teach the Urdu text-books prescribed in the school for the various forms?

A.—(*a*) In July 1932 the books were selected by the Superintendent in consultation with the staff.

(*b*) No.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Control of Vehicles

Qualifications, pay and appointment of bus inspectors.

155 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a bus inspector is appointed for each district;

(*b*) what the qualifications prescribed are;

(*c*) what the scale of pay is;

(*d*) who it is that is supervising their work; and

(*e*) who appoints them?

A.—(*a*) Yes. Bus Inspectors are at present working in all districts except in Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Guntur districts and in Madras City.

(*b*) No specific qualifications have been prescribed but men with a sound knowledge of motor engineering with practical experience in a motor workshop are preferred.

(*c*) The existing rates of pay vary from Rs. 200 to Rs. 350 a month in different districts according to the amount of work.

(*d*) & (*e*) At the moment the District Magistrate is both the appointing and supervising authority.

Government Houses

Object of the visit of His Excellency the Governor of Bengal to Ootacamund this year.

156 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the object of the visit of the Governor of Bengal to Ootacamund this year related to any matters connected with this Presidency; and

(*b*) which Government will bear the travelling expenses of the visit?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Bengal Government.

Law and Order (General)

House searches by the police on the 17th March 1933 in the North Arcot district.

157 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many houses of Congressmen were searched on the 17th March 1933 in North Arcot district;

(*b*) what the reason was for the search;

(*c*) what were found during the search;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the house of Janab Ubayathulla was searched at Vellore;

(*e*) the steps, if any, taken during the search to enable the ladies to maintain gosha; and

(*f*) what were the things that were found?

A.—(*a*) Two.

(*b*) The houses were searched for fire arms.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Gosha ladies were asked to move away before the commencement of the search, which they did.

(*c*) & (*f*) Nothing.

Prisons and Prisoners

Alleged irregularity on the part of Mr. Ince, Superintendent, Bellary jail.

158 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Superintendents were posted to Bellary jail from January 1932 up to date;

(*b*) what the reason is for frequent transfers;

(*c*) how many lathi charges have occurred in that jail till now;

(*d*) whether there were two lathi charges during the tenure of office of Mr. Ince;

(e) how many were injured as a result of such lathi charges;

(f) whether he was transferred as a result of the lathi charges;

(g) whether there were any Lahore Conspiracy prisoners confined in this jail;

(h) whether they were beaten as a result of quarrels between them and the jail officials;

(i) whether the Lahore Conspiracy prisoners were severely kicked by the Superintendent during this scuffle;

(j) whether the Superintendent was at any time a medical officer in the Alipore jail;

(k) why he was promoted as Superintendent; and

(l) what action the Government have taken against the Superintendent?

A.—(a) The following is the list of Superintendents who were posted to the Central Jail, Bellary, from January 1932 to July 1933:—

(1) Mr. W. O. Fonceca.
(2) Major C. S. V. Ramanan, I.M.S.
(3) Dr. H. T. Ince, I.M.D.
(4) Lieutenant C. P. V. Shunker, I.M.D.
(5) Dr. H. T. Ince, I.M.D.
(6) Capt. G. S. Gill, I.M.S.
(7) Mr. R. Howe.

(b) Administrative convenience and exigencies of public service.

(c) One.

(d) No.

(e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 391 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 7th November 1932.

(f) No.

(g) Yes.

(h) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to questions Nos. 391 and 392 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 7th November 1932.

(i) No.

(j) Yes, he was in the Alipuram Jail, Bellary, and not in the Alipore Jail.

(k) He was medical officer of the Alipuram Jail and Superintendent of the Wellesley Sanatorium Jail, Bellary. He was placed in additional charge of the Central Jail, Bellary, when the Superintendent went on leave.

(l) None.

Irrigation

Inundation of villages by the waters of the Chilka lake.

159 Q.—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the department which is in charge of the canal taking off from the Chilka lake and running through the Palur Estate;

(b) whether the canal is in disrepair; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the disrepair of the canal and of the protective embankment in the Palur Estate supposed to be maintained by the owner of the Palur Estate contributed to the inundation of villages and lands in the Palur Estate by the waters of the Chilka lake?

A.—(a) The Salt Department of the Central Government.

(b) The canal was abandoned in 1918 by the Public Works Department which has ceased to maintain it since. The Salt Department took it over from 1st April 1919 on the distinct understanding that it would not spend any large amount on maintenance, that it would use the canal for the purposes of that department in the first instance, and that it would endeavour to make it available for public traffic so far as its then condition would permit. The Government are not aware of the present state of the canal.

(c) The Government have not the information.

Local Self-Government

Orders of Government, if any, on the report of the Special officer appointed to enquire into the financial position of local boards and municipalities.

160 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the points raised in his report by the Special officer appointed for enquiring into the financial position of local boards and municipal councils;

(b) whether they have issued any orders on the subject;

(c) if not, when they expect to issue such orders; and

(d) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table of this House any decided opinions arrived at on the report?

A.—(a) & (b) The report is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) It is not possible to say definitely when orders will be issued.

(d) The suggestion will be considered.

Agriculture

Import of Saigon rice into the Presidency.

161 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Saigon rice is imported into the Madras Presidency under contract;

(b) if so, what the period of the contract is; and

(c) what the total quantity of rice imported during each of the last three years has been?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is a fact that Saigon rice is imported into this Presidency. But no information is available as to the period or nature of the contract, if any.

		TONS.
(*c*)	1930–31	3,482
	1931–32	14,905
	1932–33	20,610

Education

Proposal for the amalgamation of the Chittoor and North Arcot districts, under one District Educational Officer.

162 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to amalgamate the Chittoor and North Arcot districts, under one District Educational Officer; and

(*b*) whether there is any such proposal pending with the Government with regard to other districts?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) No further amalgamations are proposed beyond those already decided upon.

Measures for improving the percentage of literacy.

163 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to bring the level of the literate persons in this Presidency up to that prevailing in Punjab, Assam, United Provinces and Central Provinces?

A.—The percentage of literate persons in the Madras Presidency has always been higher than the percentage in any of the provinces mentioned.

Extent of Government help in rural areas for working the compulsory elementary education scheme.

164 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what villages and in what districts compulsory education is in force; and

(*b*) whether the Government are rendering any special assistance in this behalf to such villages?

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A.—(*a*) The introduction of compulsory elementary education has been sanctioned in the following municipalities and rural areas:—

Municipalities.

Name of district.	Name of municipality.
Anantapur	Hindupur.
North Arcot	Vellore.
Bellary	Hospet.
Chingleput	Chingleput.
	Conjeeveram.
Coimbatore	Coimbatore.
	Erode.
	Tiruppur.
Cuddapah	Proddatur.
Ganjam	Parlakimedi.
East Godavari	Rajahmundry.
Kistna	Masulipatam.
West Godavari	Ellore.
Madura	Madura.
	Dindigul.
Madras	Madras Corporation.
Malabar	Tellicherry.
	Calicut.
	Cochin.
Nellore	Nellore.
Ramnad	Virudunagar.
Tanjore	Mayavaram.
	Kumbakonam.
	Negapatam.
Tinnevelly	Tinnevelly.
Vizagapatam	Vizagapatam.

District.	Taluk board.	Area of compulsion.
Tanjore	Tanjore	Tiruvadi union.
Malabar	Ponnani	Kalpakancheri Ponmundam and Rayarimangalam.
	Walluvanad	Mannarghat village panchayat.
	Ernad	Parappanangadi, Chaliyam (Kadalundy), Kondotty, Tirurangadi, Mampad, Edavanna, Pandikad, Nilambur, Kalikavu and Karuvarakundu amsams.
North Arcot	Tiruppattur	Natrampalli and Agraharam village panchayats.
Ramnad	Sivakasi	Sengamalanachiyarpuram and Vadamalaipuram village panchayats.
Chingleput	Saidapet	Revenue firkas of Saidapet and Aminjikarai and panchayat areas of Villivakkam and Tiruvottiyur.
Guntur	Bapatla	Panchayat areas of Bapatla, Ponnur and Nidubrole.

(*b*) The Government have sanctioned the payment to the undermentioned taluk boards of the recurring subsidies noted against them towards the introduction of compulsory elementary education:—

Name of taluk board.	Amount of subsidy per annum.
	RS.
Ernad	30,490
Walluvanad	935
Ponnani	13,548
Saidapet	21,243

No special subsidies have been granted in other cases.

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Districts where Mr. Champion's report has been given effect to.

165 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. Champion's report has been given effect to in any of the districts and, if so, where; and

(*b*) what the net cost incurred for the preparation of this report was?

A.—(*a*) Mr. Champion's report as a whole has not been given effect to in any district. A few local bodies have adopted some of the recommendations in the report.

(*b*) The officer who prepared the report was not employed solely for the purpose of preparing it and it is not, therefore, possible to estimate the cost of its preparation.

Non-payment of grants to village panchayat schools.

166 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that no grant has been sanctioned up to date to the village panchayat schools during this official year;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that no grant will be made for the employment of additional teachers in the panchayat schools during this year; and

(*c*) whether any amount has been set apart for the additional teachers during this year; if so, what the amount is of such special grant?

A.—(*a*) The payment of grants has so far been authorized to 802 schools and some applications for grants are under scrutiny in the office of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, while others have been returned to the Presidents of Panchayats concerned for rectification of defects or referred to the educational authorities for remarks.

(*b*) & (*c*) A sum of Rs. 8,200 has been provided in the current year's budget estimate for the employment of additional teachers in panchayat schools and the Inspector has been asked to take steps to employ the teachers.

Muslim L.T. Graduates employed in Government Institutions.

167 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the number of Muslim L.T. Graduates from 1930 employed in Government institutions?

A.—None, as none are reported to have been available. Three untrained Muslim graduates were however entertained after the 1st January 1930 and were sent for L.T. training.

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Admission of students into the Presidency College.

168 *Q.*—Rao Sahib P. SUBRAHMANYAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students were admitted this year into the Presidency College in the junior intermediate, B.A. (Pass course), B.A. (Hons.), B.Sc. (Pass course), B.Sc. (Hons.) and Post Graduate courses;

(*b*) what percentage of the above students were Brahmans, non-Brahmans, Muslims, Indian Christians, Depressed classes and others; and

(*c*) the district or districts to which the selected students belong?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Two statements,[a] one containing the particulars required in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) and the other those required in clause (*c*) are placed on the table.

V.—ACTS ASSENTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the undermentioned Acts received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned against each:—

The Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act.	5th September 1933.
The Madras Local Boards (Fourth Amendment) Act	5th September 1933.
The Madras Wild Elephants' Preservation (Amendment) Act	6th September 1933."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

VI.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 12 OF 1931).

* The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Mr. President, I beg to move—

' *that the Bill further to amend the Madras Estates Land Act,* 1908, *for certain purposes (Bill No.* 12 *of* 1931), *as amended by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.*'

" I introduced this Bill in this Council on the 26th January 1932 and on that date it was referred to a Select Committee. I presented the Select Committee's report on the 30th January 1933 but I did not then proceed to move the motion which I am now making because I understood that there was a general desire to postpone the discussion of this measure. But I then made an appeal to the leaders of both the landholders and the tenants to come together in order that they might arrive at some agreed measure: at least that was the intention underlying my appeal. During the nine months that have elapsed between then and now I am prepared to say that there has been a

[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 126–127 infra.